

On progression in reading the said amendments, the question was put, That the house agree to the third amendment proposed to the said bill? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs	Key,	Grahame,	Bracco,	Waggaman,	W. Bowie,	Purnell,
	T. Bond,	Gantt,	Gale,	Ennalls,	Digges,	Norris;
	Somerville,	Turner,	John Dashiell,	Baker,	Quynn,	Love,
	B. Worthington,	Ridgely of Wm. Adams,	Ramsey,	Chaille,	Stret.	
	N. Worthington,	Goldborough,	Waters,			

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Taney,	Ridgely,	Miller,	Joseph Dashiell,	Beatty,	Funk,
	Fraizer,	Stevenson,	Chafe,	Faw,	Wheeler,	Oneale.
	Jones,	Oglevee,	John Seney,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The amendments being read throughout, the question was put, That the house agree thereto? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill concerning a purchase of certain property formerly belonging to Henry Stevenson, made by Robert Ballard of the commissioners of confiscated property, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Joseph Dashiell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the officers of the Maryland line, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find, by the resolve of congress of the first of October 1782, that that body have adopted every means in their power to secure the payment of the arrears due to the army before the first day of January then last past, and for the regular payment of the army for the future, which they hope the several states will exert themselves to enable congress to accomplish; and that congress have discountenanced all partial payments of the army by particular states; and that no monies paid by any of the states to the officers and soldiers of the army of the United States for the year 1782, be considered as advanced on behalf of the United States, and that the same be not credited to the state by which the same shall have been made; and that the several states be required to make speedy payment of their respective quotas into the public treasury, that congress may be thereby enabled to pay the officers and soldiers of the American army the amount of their pay for the year 1782.

Your committee, strongly impressed with the highest opinion of the merit, patriotism, bravery and perseverance, of the officers of the Maryland line, in rescuing their country from despotism and slavery, ardently wish, that it was in the power of the state to shew its gratitude, and do justice to their merit, but they doubt their power, even if the state of the treasury would admit thereof.

The committee are of opinion, that the prayer of the said memorial will be fully complied with in substance, if the bill now before the senate, for granting ten shillings in the hundred pounds on real and personal property for twenty-five years, passes into a law, and that the finances of this state will not at present admit of advancing so large a sum as one year's interest on the arrears due to the officers of the Maryland line.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for the relief of Edward Tilghman of the city of Philadelphia, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate, with the bill concerning a purchase of certain property formerly belonging to Henry Stevenson, made by Robert Ballard of the commissioners of confiscated property, by Mr. Baker.

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to impose duties on certain enumerated articles, and on all goods, wares and merchandise, imported or brought into this state, and to repeal certain acts of assembly therein mentioned, and the following message:

BY THE SENATE, MARCH 3, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have considered your bill to impose duties, and as it repeals the act passed last session for laying certain duties upon exports, and indicates a design of collecting duties upon articles brought into this state by land, we wish it contained regulations for effectuating this design, and was in other respects so free from objections, that we could assent to it; but we think the bill so imperfect and objectionable, that we cannot pass it, unless some additions and alterations are made, which we take the liberty to state, and submit to your consideration. It appears to us, that many of the duties upon enumerated articles are too high, and if imposed, will not be collected. We would agree to the following duties upon the following articles, to wit, beer, ale, porter and cyder, two-pence per gallon; Madeira wine, six-pence per gallon; cherry wine, five-pence per gallon; all other white wines, three-pence per gallon; every box of lemons, two shillings; raisins or other fruit, two shillings per hundred weight; cheese, per hundred weight, four shillings and two-pence; playing cards, per dozen, three shillings and nine-pence; and to